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1. On or about 23 November 1948, the Kantgasse headquarters of the Sowjetische Mineralölverwaltung (SMV) ordered the cessation of all purchasing and settlement of outstanding accounts by 1 December 1948. This deadline was later extended to 5 December. The Purchasing Office fiscal year usually ends in March.
2. All orders not deliverable by SMV prior to 5 December were cancelled. Cash payment which had already been made for orders not deliverable before the deadline were recalled. Current shipments, including such items as filter cloth which is badly needed for the Zistersdorf production, were resold upon receipt. Warehouses are being completely emptied and some supplies shipped to Rostok (sic) [REDACTED] Comment: Possibly Rostov, USSR, or Rostock in the Russian Zone of Germany; the balance of material remaining in the warehouses was sold. Bonuses were offered salesmen and shippers for selling and shipping net quotas before the 5 December deadline. As of 1 December, the Kantgasse office had not ordered any inventories taken.

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